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RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS GENE AND METHOD
FOR DIAGNOSING RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS
[Corresponding to PCT/JP00/01697 Filed March 21, 2000]

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately after the title, please insert:

This application is a 371 of PCT/JP00/01697 filed March 21, 2000.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Claim 3. (Amended) A DNA fragment, which is a part of the disease gene of claim 1, and contains the base sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.

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Claim 6. (Amended) An antibody against the protein of claim 4.

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REMARKS

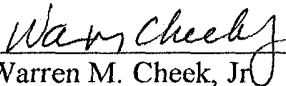
The specification has been revised to reflect the 371 status. In addition, the multiple dependencies of the claims have been removed to reduce the PTO filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made"**.

Respectfully submitted,

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